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1. A method of assembling a book, comprising the  
2 steps of:
- 4 (A) specifying pagination information including an  
indication of whether a page is to be selectively  
included in the book;
- 6 (B) determining whether the page is to be assembled  
into the book based on the pagination information; and
- 8 (C) generating page description language  
instructions for production of the book in accordance  
10 with the pagination information.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the determining  
2 step comprises the step of analyzing variable information  
areas of the page.
3. The method of claim 1, further comprising the  
2 step of analyzing press commands directed to production  
of the book to determine whether the page is to be  
4 assembled into the book.
4. The method of claim 1, further comprising the  
2 step of generating a pagination file having data  
representative of the pagination information.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the pagination  
2 information includes an indication of a maximum number of  
pages for the book.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the pagination  
2 information includes filler page information.

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2 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the pagination  
4 information includes a specification of whether the page  
should be forced to one of a right side and a left side  
of the book.

2 8. The method of claim 1, further comprising the  
step of specifying page description language instructions  
to produce a barcode on the page.

2 9. The method of claim 8, wherein the barcode is  
indicative of tracking information.

2 10. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of  
generating page description language instructions  
comprises the step of generating instructions for  
production of page numbering information on the page.

2 11. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of  
generating page description language instructions  
comprises the step of generating instructions for  
insertion of filler pages in accordance with the  
pagination information.

2 12. The method of claim 1, further comprising the  
step of delivering the page description language  
instructions to an electronic press to print the book.

2 13. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of  
specifying the pagination information comprises the step  
of providing a user interface for entry of the pagination  
information.

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